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Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, February 4, 1899.

SIR: Since my report of yesterday I have learned of the occurrence of 3 new cases of plague and 4 deaths from the same disease, in Tainan prefecture, Formosa, on the 30th ultimo.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 208.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 7, 1899.

Death rate in Constantinople.—From the 16th to the 30th of January 663 deaths have been registered in Constantinople. Of these, 55 were caused by zymotic diseases, viz, 9 from diphtheria, 2 from measles, 12 from typhoid fever, and 31 from smallpox. There have been also 47 deaths from pneumonia registered during the week ended January 30. I have already reported that I have asked the notification of the deaths from pneumonia in order to be able to state the number of deaths from influenza which presents itself with symptoms of pneumonic inflammation. Said epidemic is deadlier than the epidemic of smallpox as well as that of diphtheria.

Sanitary news from the provinces.—The sanitary news from the provinces is good. The sanitary officials report about zymotic diseases, which exist always in the different cities.

Water supply of Yambo.—The Turkish Government has decided to supply the city of Yambo, in the Red Sea, with water. There is a question to supply said city with water from Yambo-el-Nahr, a water spring six hours distant from Yambo. Six hours is too far, and said water is far from being of the best quality; it is saltish. Besides that, Yambo-el-Nahr is a place which, I may say, is the rendezvous of the brigands or bedouines, and as a consequence there is no safety for the workmen. Very probably, instead of supplying said city with water from Yambo-el-Nahr, a distilling machine will be installed like that which has been installed at Camaran. The water will be certainly of better quality and cheaper. For the present year the water to be supplied will be distilled on board the *Zulal*, the tugboat which was built for this purpose in Genoa.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO,

United States Sanitary Commissioner.

Current quarantine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, February 1, 1899.]

COLOMBIA.—The minister of foreign affairs addressed a circular, dated October 29, 1898, to all consuls representing the United States of Colombia in foreign ports, in which they are informed that in drawing up bills of health for vessels bound for Colombian ports they shall clearly state the nature of the prevailing diseases at the port of departure, together with the number of cases and number of deaths therefrom, up to date.